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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012, 3:00 PM

7310 WOODWARD AVENUE (CENTRAL DISTRICT)

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 GEORGE ANTHONY, Secretary

4 JESSICA TAYLOR, Chairperson

5 DONNELL R. WHITE, Commissioner

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9 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF:

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11 DEPUTY CHIEF BENJAMIN LEE

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, August 23, 2012
3 About 3:08 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon.
5 I'm Commissioner Jessica Taylor and joining me
6 today is Commissioner Donnell White who I would
7 like to express our condolences to, his
8 grandfather passed, and also I would like to
9 express condolences to our Commissioner Toney
10 Stewart whose brother passed also.

11 At this time I would like to ask the
12 chaplain to come and gives us an invocation.

13 CHAPLAIN: Let us bow our heads.
14 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN).

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Since we don't
16 have a quorum today we're going to just meet as a
17 committee of the whole, so we won't be taking
18 care of any business. I'd like to introduce at
19 this time Deputy Chief Benjamin Lee and I'd like
20 to have George Anthony introduce our staff.

21 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair. For the record, George Anthony, Secretary
23 to the Board. We have present Ms. Pamela
24 Davis-Drake who is our chief investigator from
25 the Office of the Chief Investigator and Lt.

1 Loletha Porter-Coleman from Police Personnel
2 representing Director Dalph Watson.

3 We also have Officer Dan Donakowski who
4 is recording our proceedings, Mr. Robert Brown
5 who is the Board's office manager and Mr. Dale
6 Rose from Hanson Court Reporting Service and that
7 completes the introduction, ma'am.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. The Chair
9 doesn't have any report today, so I'd like to ask
10 Deputy Chief Lee if you have anything you'd like
11 to say.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: No, ma'am. Through
13 the Chair, we don't have -- I believe that the
14 discipline presentation was tabled to another
15 date, so we don't have a formal presentation.

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay, and new
17 business, no new business, so we move to
18 announcements.

19 Next Thursday the meeting will be held
20 at police headquarters at 1300 Beaubien at 3
21 o'clock, and at this time I'd like to ask Deputy
22 Chief Melvin Turner if you have anything to say
23 about the gun buy-back.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF TURNER: Thank you, Madam
25 Chair. Deputy Chief Melvin Turner, Police

1 Community Services. The gun buy-back program
2 will be taking place the 30th, next Thursday at
3 St. Cecelia Catholic Church which is located at
4 Stoepel and Livernois just -- I don't know if
5 that's north or west, near Grand River.

6 We will be commencing the program at
7 9:30 AM and scheduled to conclude by 3:30 unless
8 we still have money and people are still coming.
9 If that's the case, we will extend those hours.

10 We have sent out a flyer. We're
11 rebroadcasting that today to different community
12 groups, every organization that we have. In the
13 church, Roman Catholic Church is also sending out
14 that information.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay, thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Deputy Chief, what
17 was the start time?

18 DEPUTY CHIEF TURNER: 9:30 AM.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: At this time I'd
20 like to call for oral communication from the
21 audience.

22 Are there any communications? Does
23 anyone want to address the board?

24 Good afternoon.

25 MS. DAVIS: Good afternoon. My name is

1 Christine Davis, I'm with AC Towing in Detroit.
2 My question is, do you have an update on the RFP
3 42511, I believe it's coming from the company
4 from San Francisco that wants to privatize or
5 take over the towing?

6 Do you have any update on anything
7 regarding that?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, we don't at
9 this time, we don't have anything.

10 MS. DAVIS: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And all that will
12 be coming from the Purchasing Department.

13 MS. DAVIS: Okay. Does the Purchasing
14 meet with you and let you know what's going on?
15 I mean, my issue is that there's a lack of
16 communication among the persons on the Police
17 Board of Commissioners, the Mayor, the people
18 right here in the city. There's a lack of
19 communication. Before outsiders come in, don't
20 you think that we together would try to come to
21 come kind of agreement to make -- "I believe in
22 Detroit." That's what the Mayor said. He's
23 interested in small businesses, so at some point
24 somebody should meet with us, you know, one on
25 one before they let San Francisco or somebody or

1 anybody else, not just necessarily San Francisco,
2 but any other company come into Detroit because
3 we are sufficient, we can do it, we can do it. I
4 believe in Detroit. I believe in the towing
5 business and any other businesses here in
6 Detroit.

7 I know we can -- you know, we can
8 excell, but we need to communicate and I
9 appreciate the fact that the Board of Police
10 Commissioners takes time to listen to us, to
11 communicate, and you guys do communicate with us
12 and I appreciate that.

13 You're the only link that we really
14 have to come before you and I appreciate that.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, ma'am.
16 Commissioner White?

17 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Ms. Davis, before
18 you leave just for the record and for the benefit
19 of everyone, this body did submit -- requested a
20 legal opinion from the City's counsel department
21 in terms of what authority the Board has and what
22 authority they have in terms of where they are
23 with this towing process.

24 Until we get that opinion, it's within
25 the City's purview to do what they are doing, so

1 until we get that opinion and really understand
2 what control we have in this process, if any,
3 that's when we'll be able to communicate back to
4 you how we will proceed forward.

5 MS. DAVIS: Okay, thank you. I
6 appreciate you.

7 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, ma'am.
8 Are there any more communications?

9 MR. KENNEDY: How you doing? Good
10 afternoon. My name is Leonard Kennedy. I would
11 like to know is there a way that I can start a
12 complaint against an officer. There were three
13 officers over at the Gunston police station and I
14 would like to know how I go about to start either
15 a grievance or a complaint against these
16 officers.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay, I will have
18 you talk with our chief investigator.

19 Any more communications? Are there any
20 more communications? Are there any more
21 communications.

22 If not, I guess we will adjourn.

23 (Proceedings concluded at
24 3:17 p.m.)

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